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TWO CENTS.

## TO REASSERT RIGHT OF U. S.

Expected at Capital That  
Next Note to Germany  
Will Be Brief

## SEVERAL DRAFTS WILL BE PREPARED

American Government Will Make no  
Move in the Direction of Mediation  
of the Subject of Submarine Warfare  
and Contraband.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Developments in the issue between the United States and Germany awaited today the return of President Wilson from Cornish, N. H.

The President is to take up with Secretary Lansing several drafts of an answer to Germany's recent reply to the American note protesting against the German method of submarine warfare.

The President will confer with Secretary Lansing on Monday. The cabinet will meet Tuesday.

The new note will reassert the right of Americans on the high seas and probably will be brief.

Until either Great Britain or Germany requests specifically a mediation of the subject of submarine warfare and contraband officials held that the American government will make no move in this direction and the British government will not subordinate the Lusitania case or the assertion of its rights.

## TEUTONS THREATEN RUMANIA.

Germany and Austria May Adopt Policy of Reprisals.

ROME, July 17.—Austria and Germany are threatening to adopt reprisals against Rumania unless the embargo declared by that country on the transportation across her territory of ammunition destined for Turkey is removed. Relations between the Teutonic allies and Rumania are strained to the breaking point.

This situation, it is believed here, is likely to hasten Rumania's intervention on the side of the Entente Powers, especially since the allies are determined not to tolerate further unjustifiable delay.

Anti-German feeling has been aroused by the Ghendieff scandal, which has been laid to German plotters. A cabinet crisis, followed by immediate intervention, is possible, with Greece following Rumania's lead. Important developments in the Balkans are expected, since the desperate situation in which Turkey has found herself is bound to hasten a solution.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



10.30—Morning service, conducted by Rev. George E. Daniels of Philadelphia.  
11.45—Bible school.  
7.30—Evening service, conducted by Y. P. S. C. E. Everyone invited.

## AT THE CENTRE CHURCH.

Sunday Services.  
10.30 a. m.—Service of worship and praise. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, The Tree of Life.  
11.45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
7.00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.

Friday, 7.30 p. m.—Service of praise and prayer. Topic, The Successful Life. What it is. Matt. 27:11-26.

## IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

## TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

The Russian lines are holding well to the north of Warsaw, where the greatest force of the Teutonic movement against the capital seems to be exerted, according to the latest statement from Petrograd. Attacks west of the river Orzyc have been repulsed with heavy losses, the Russians claim, and in sections where gains were made by the Germans their further advance was arrested.

A withdrawal of the Russian forces between the Pissanorzyz to new lines along the Narew in the face of Gen. Von Hindenberg's attack is admitted by Petrograd. Continuations of the German advance in Courland also is conceded.

Increasing importance is attached by military observers to this movement in the Baltic provinces. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces, which swept through Galicia, are giving signs of renewed activity of the assumed plan of the Teutonic forces to attack simultaneously along the 800 mile front.

Unofficial reports through Geneva declare that at the lower end of this line Austrian troops who crossed the Nieme have been driven back to the other bank, where the retreat is being turned into a rout.

Fighting on the Austrian front has resulted in few recent changes of position, according to the latest report from Rome. Numerous attacks by the Austrians on the Italian advanced position, all of which are said to have been repulsed, are reported.

The solution of the South Wales coal strike problem failed for the time being, the miners' executive committee adjourning to Monday after an abortive attempt to reach an agreement.

## HEARS ALL GERMANY FACES MARTIAL LAW

Copenhagen Reports the Government Is Ready to Suppress Peace Demonstrations.

LONDON, July 17.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily News says:

A private despatch from Berlin which was passed by the German censor says excitement is growing rapidly among the German population on account of the Social Democratic pamphlets demanding a rapid conclusion of the war, owing to the increasing prices of all foodstuffs.

Martial law will be declared all over Germany to suppress all demonstrations.

A Lugano despatch to the Daily Chronicle says:

The German authorities are becoming seriously alarmed at the spread of the anti-war movement. The governors of Cologne, Cologne, and Strassburg have ordered the confiscation of the Socialist pamphlets entitled The Voice of the Majority, and Our Real Enemies, promising punishment for the distributors.

The railwaymen at Bremen have been forbidden to take part in the Socialist organization.

## GERMANS INTENDED TO DESTROY LIVES

Report of Court of Inquiry on Lusitania Disaster—Canard Owners Freed From Blame.

LONDON, July 17.—Torpedoes fired by a submarine of German nationality caused the loss of the steamer Lusitania, according to the findings of a court of inquiry appointed to investigate the disaster.

The court held that no blame for the tragedy was attached either to the commander of the vessel or the Canard line, or the owners, and gave as its opinion that the act was done not merely with the intention of sinking the ship but also of destroying the lives of those on board.

## FORD OWNERS SMILE.

Will Get Rebate of from \$40 to \$60 on Each Car.

DETROIT, July 17.—The Ford Automobile company yesterday announced a refund of approximately \$15,000,000 to owners of Ford automobiles who purchased their machines Aug. 1, 1914. On Aug. 1, 1914, the company announced that if 300,000 machines were sold during the ensuing year, each purchaser would receive a refund of from \$40 to \$60. The 300,000 mark was reached this afternoon. The company says the refund is strictly in the nature of the profit distribution policy of the company.

## A Pleasant Auto Trip

The most charming Inn accessible on a short drive from Brattleboro is the GREEN MOUNTAIN HOUSE at WEST WARDSBORO.

An old fashioned tavern, entirely rebuilt and refurnished. Get acquainted with the mountain country nearby. Twenty-five miles from Brattleboro, via Hill Road from Newfane, 32 miles via Townshend.

See Windham County First

## WIVES CHARGE DESERTION

Four Petitions for Divorce  
Make Nucleus for Next  
Term of Court

## FRANK LAWRENCE AMONG THE MISSING

Townshend Woman Wants Husband  
Restrained from Removing Children  
Out of State or Interfering With  
Her Personal Liberty.

If there is not a large amount of divorce business for the September term of the county court it will not be because of the lack of an early start. Already four petitions have been filed, in each of which the petitioner is the wife and in each of which the wife asserts that her husband has deserted her.

Jennie A. Lawrence of Townshend seeks a divorce from Frank B. Lawrence. She says they were married May 14, 1907, that he has treated her with intolerable severity and that on May 1 he wilfully deserted her and abandoned the premises heretofore occupied by him. In an affidavit she states that she does not know where he is, that she has not heard from him within a month, she has tried to locate him but has been unable to do so and knows that he is not living in Vermont. Mrs. Lawrence states she is informed and believes that he threatens to interfere with her in the care and custody of their two minor children, aged six and four years respectively, and fears he may forcibly remove them, may interfere with her personal liberty and occupation of the premises, and may sell the household furniture. She asks that he be enjoined from interfering with her liberty, her care of the children, her occupation of the premises or possession of the furniture. Not being able to locate him, service of the restraining order can only be made through publication. Lawrence's financial transactions have attracted much attention in the West River valley the past few years.

Alice T. Bassett of Halifax files a libel against Frank A. Bassett, whom she says is living in Holyoke, Mass. She charges desertion and a statutory offense and asks for the custody of one minor child. An injunction order has been issued against him restraining him from interference with her personal liberty or control of the child.

Bessie E. Howard of Newfane asks to be given a divorce from Perley E. Howard, formerly of Jamaica, on the ground of intemperance. She says he is not in the state of Vermont and that she is unable to locate him.

Florence B. (Leach) Hart of Rockingham charges a statutory offense against her husband, Carl W. Hart, for which she wants a divorce. She says she cannot locate him.

## THAW IS RESTING AT ATLANTIC CITY

No Definite Plans for Near Future,  
But Will Probably Go to Pitts-  
burg in Few Days.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 17.—Harry K. Thaw's first night of real freedom was spent in restful sleep at a beachside hotel here, after yesterday's weary ride down the state from New York after he was released on bail. Thaw was much refreshed and prepared to spend the day quietly. So far as could be learned Thaw has formed no definite plans for the immediate future except to get as much rest as he can. It is believed he will go to his home in Pittsburgh in a few days. Promoters were on the alert to get a glimpse of him and many lingered about his hotel.

## SEAPORT RIGA IS OBJECT OF ATTACK

New German Offensive of Huge Pro-  
portions Revealed in Latest Offi-  
cial Statement.

LONDON, July 17.—A new German offensive of huge proportions, with the great Russian seaport, Riga, as its objective, is revealed in the latest official statement issued at Petrograd and Berlin.

Military experts here construe the offensive to be a vast enveloping movement in which the Germans are making a supreme effort to destroy the Russian army.

Both the German and Russian communications agree that the German forces are at the Windau river, which is only 80 miles from Riga.

An official statement received today from Petrograd adds details of sanguinary fighting all along the new line in an effort to hold back the German advance on Riga and Warsaw, while the Austro-Hungarians are pushing northward.

## Less Expensive.

"I would I were a bird," she sang. "I would you were," said her husband. "You would go South for the winter without its costing me anything."—Life.

## JUNIOR CHAUTAUQUA TEACHES CITIZENSHIP

Outline of What Children Will Do  
Each Morning During Chautauqua  
Week—Pageant Last Day.

Experience has taught that Junior Chautauqua is one of the most interesting and important departments of Chautauqua week. It is enlisting the children in worth-while affairs by means of games and music, and their interest in these things is attested by the fact that the average attendance of children before Junior Chautauqua was started was 35, while last year the average was 105.

This year Chautauqua will bring a new phase of the gospel of play. It will have the girls and boys of Junior Chautauqua organize themselves into a junior town and let them be citizens.

For a long time America has been attempting to teach citizenship out of textbooks. It is proposed to make citizenship a practical thing for the children, and an interesting thing at the same time.

Each morning at Junior Chautauqua there will be a "town meeting," and the children will be citizens. There will be a commission form of government, with commissioners nominated and elected by the children themselves. There will be a "law and order" committee to the menace of flies, mosquitoes, for the discipline during the week. The "health commission" will be interested in calling the children's attention to the menace of flies, mosquitoes, etc. The "clean-up commission" will arouse interest in clean streets and back yards, etc. The "make good commission" will consider the standards of usefulness for good citizens—girls and boys.

Each commission will be given one day for its phase of the work.

On the last day the Juniors will present The Pageant of Average Town, in which the work that has been outlined will be presented. It will not only cover this work, but will present some of the games and songs taught during the week.

This play will be given with special costumes provided by the Chautauqua association. In this pageant the things that characterize the average town will be presented in a striking manner. It will show Average Town falling asleep, while flies, mosquitoes, impure milk, ugly back yards, etc. (each impersonated by a boy or girl), surround her. Wake Up and Clean Up arrive, and the effort to save Average Town begins. Various scenes follow, given with music and scenic effects, and closing with the triumph of Wake Up and Clean Up. Special rhymes, special music, and the special costumes will make this one of the most interesting playlets ever presented to a Chautauqua audience.

This is a brief outline of the plans for this year's Junior Chautauqua, but assurance is given that this department, interesting as it has proved in the past, will prove of still greater interest and importance this year. The dates of Chautauqua in Brattleboro are July 25 to July 29.

## FIVE ARE DROWNED IN THE OHIO FLOODS

Many Are Injured and the Property  
Loss Exceeds \$2,000,000—300  
Homes Submerged at Lima.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 17.—Five dead, scores injured and more than \$2,000,000 worth of property damaged were the toll of floods which Thursday night and yesterday resulted from today's westerly rise down the state from New York after he was released on bail.

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At Lima, where three lives were lost, more than 300 homes submerged and a large area flooded, the Ottawa river began to rise again yesterday afternoon and the city last night faced unprecedented conditions.

In Columbus both the Scioto and Olentangy rivers were slowly rising last night, but the weather bureau gave assurance that no serious damage would result unless the rainfall should be excessive.

A large portion of Kenton was submerged and at Forkner, a village near Kenton, several houses were washed away. It is feared that a number of persons lost their lives. The Miami river rose five feet at Dayton, but caused no alarm as it is far below the flood stage.

At Bellefontaine citizens cut a hole in the Big Four railway embankment to let the water escape. The agent and a detective tried to prevent, but the agent was pitched into the water and the detective placed in jail. The track was so badly damaged that all trains were detained.

The loss on submerged crops will be enormous.

## NO SETTLEMENT.

South Wales Coal Strike Will Be Considered Again Monday.

LONDON, July 17.—The executive council of the South Wales miners, having failed at a meeting held in London today to reach an agreement on the means of settling the coal dispute, left for Cardiff, where it will meet again on Monday.

## NO DEFINITE ROAD POLICY

Highway Expenses Heavy in  
Brattleboro with Little  
Improvement

## COST IN TEN YEARS HAS BEEN \$151,670

Permanent Work Started at Various  
Points and Allowed to Wear Out—  
Uncertainty of Commissioner's Ten-  
ure of Office Largely Responsible.

Is Brattleboro getting what it should from the money it spends on roads?

This question comes to mind when one reflects upon the amount that has gone into highway work during the past 10 years and then attempts a mental measurement of the improvement that has been made in that time.

It would be difficult to convince any but the most optimistic person that Brattleboro's streets and roads, taking them as a whole, are in better condition than they were 10 years ago, yet since 1905, according to the most accurate figures available, the expenditure for road work in this town amounts to \$151,669.75. This includes the money paid out each year on road commissioner's orders, the town's share of the state highway money and such special appropriations as have been spent on road work during that time.

By years the expenditure is as follows:

1905	\$11,285.46
1906	10,855.53
1907	19,593.46
1908	9,805.67
1909	13,484.55
1910	16,845.21
1911	20,663.75
1912	21,837.47
1913	17,913.27
1914	17,979.38
Total	\$151,669.75

These figures, taken from the annual town reports, show an average of slightly over \$15,100 a year for the entire period; an average of \$11,286 a year from 1905 to 1910, and an average of more than \$19,000 a year since the beginning of 1910. They are not presented with the idea of making the claim that there has been graft in connection with Brattleboro's highway work, but in the hope that they may prove to the taxpayers of the town the utter futility of the present system of road work.

The plain fact of the case is that Brattleboro has practically nothing to show for the money that it has spent on its highways during the time mentioned. A few of the main roads leading from this to other towns are better than they were a decade ago, especially the so-called Putney road, but the village streets and the majority of the roads in the outlying sections are in the same old rut, or to be more accurate, the same old ruts are in them. Evidence of attempts at permanent construction may be found at various points, but these examples also furnish evidence of the folly of building so-called permanent road and then letting it wear out for want of care.

Nowhere is it apparent that any permanent policy has been tried out, and the very good reason for this is that no such policy is possible under Brattleboro's present method of spending its highway money. Just as long as the bulk of the money is spent by an official who is elected for one year it is idle to expect that the work will be accumulative in its results. This is not the fault of the official, but of the system. Under the road commissioner begins his year's work with knowledge that if he is to hold his job he must make as much of a showing as possible before the next election. There is little use in his making a start on an improvement that will require more than a year to complete, for he is not certain that he will have an opportunity to complete it himself or that his successor will complete it for him. Hence the so-called permanent work that he does consists of small stretches in conspicuous spots, and the remainder of his time and money he is obliged to spend in making repairs at the request of irate taxpayers whom he knows will be laying for him at the annual meeting in case he doesn't do what they want.

No road commissioner can be blamed for not accomplishing much under these circumstances; he is simply the victim of a system that makes any continued plan of road improvement

## FRUIT GROWERS AND GRANGERS TO MEET

State Horticultural Society to Join in  
Putney Grange Picnic on Darrow  
and Aiken Fruit Farm.

The sixth annual summer meeting of the State Horticultural society will be held in Putney next Thursday on the fruit plantation of Darrow and Aiken in co-operation with the field meeting and picnic of the Putney Grange.

The fruit plantation embraces 14 acres of red raspberries, four acres of blackberries, five acres of strawberries, 1 acre of currants and gooseberries, and three acres of other small fruits. This year's crop of raspberries will be 500 bushels.

Program as follows: Inspection of the fruit plantation in the forenoon; basket picnic at noon reinforced by purchasable local supplies, followed by demonstration in home canning of small fruits by Miss Edith Darrow, graduate in home economics, short talks by the president, secretary and master; in the evening a round-table discussion of horticultural problems.

Putney is on the Boston & Maine railroad, nine miles north of Brattleboro. Persons desiring overnight accommodations should advise the hosts. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public. Women are welcome. In case of rain meet on the next fair day. Darrow and Aiken, hosts; A. M. Vaughan, president; M. B. Cummings, secretary; Fred B. Hannum, master.

## TWIN STATE GAME TO BE PLAYED HERE

Keene and Claremont to Meet on Val-  
ley Fair Grounds Aug. 3.—Former  
Local Players in Lineup.

President George E. Sherman of the Brattleboro Athletic association closed arrangements this noon by which the Keene and Claremont teams of the Twin State league will play a league game in Brattleboro on the Valley fair grounds Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 3, at 3 o'clock.

The Claremont team is managed by "Jack" O'Hara, who was manager of the greater part of last year of the Brattleboro team. With him on the team are some popular former local players, including Donald Pike, who is playing the outfield, and Johnston at shortstop.

On the Keene team are Fishburne, who was shortstop of the local team until taken ill with appendicitis, and Sullivan, who two years ago played first base for Brattleboro. Others on the team who will be remembered here as former Twin Staters are Fish, McElwee, Murray and Dowd.

President Sherman has been trying for some time to arrange some form of entertainment for Tuesday afternoons. All efforts to arrange games between teams of the Brattleboro league failed because of the inability of some of the players to be at liberty on those afternoons. He began negotiations with the managers of the Keene and Claremont teams some time ago and has finally succeeded in getting them to transfer one of the league games to Brattleboro.

By calling this game at 3 o'clock the teams will be able to come to Brattleboro on the 2 o'clock train and will be able to board the 5.56 train back to their respective towns.

## PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH SEC. LANSING

There Will Be No Further Develop-  
ment in Germany Situation  
Until Next Week.

CORNISH, N. H., July 17.—President Wilson was in communication today with Secretary Lansing regarding the German situation. There will be no further developments until the President returns to Washington early next week.

The President played today what will probably be the last golf game of his present visit. Members of his family will remain here after his departure for Washington and the President expects to return later if possible.

## THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight and Sunday—  
Cooler—Moderate Winds.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The weather forecast: Generally fair to night and Sunday. Cooler. Moderate west to northwest winds.

absolutely out of the question. And it might be added that he is not the only victim; the others are the taxpayers whose money he spends and the persons who have to use the highways into which the money goes.

Before this aimless arrangement is allowed to continue for many more years it is to be hoped that some student of municipal management will evolve a plan by which Brattleboro can "get somewhere" in road work and have something permanent to show for the money it expends in this direction.

The showing made by the \$151,669.75 spent during the past 10 years is strong evidence of the need of a change in policy.

## TROLLEY CARS NOW RUNNING

Agreement Reached in Strike  
Which Tied Up Traffic  
in Rhode Island

## MAYOR GAINER IS ONE ARBITRATOR

Two Others Will Be Chosen and to the  
Board Will Be Referred the Wage  
and Working Condition Which Are  
Under Dispute.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 17.—Normal service was resumed today on the trolley lines of the Rhode Island company throughout the state, from which service has been almost entirely suspended for the past two days because of the strike of 2400 union employees.

Under the agreement reached early today Mayor Joseph H. Gainer will act as chairman of the board of three arbitrators to whom will be referred the wage and working condition matters under dispute.

It was expected that the names of the other two arbitrators will be announced today. One is to be selected by the company and the other by the union.

## AGITATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Residents of Centerville and West  
Brattleboro Begin Campaign—Will  
Meet Selectmen Tonight.

Spurred by the realization that Centerville and West Brattleboro are almost entirely without fire protection except such as is gratuitously provided by the village, several of the residents of those sections have begun a campaign for satisfactory fire protection. Just how far the matter will go is problematical, but if the plans of the prime movers go through the subject will be brought before a town meeting for action.

The fire Wednesday night on Williams street near the Centerville car barn showed plainly that saving buildings that are near others which catch fire is largely a matter of luck. The steamer went to the fire, but it was impossible to get the heavy machine where water could be pumped. The contents of the chemical tanks were all that could be used in saving the house of Mrs. N. W. Dunklee from catching from the burning barn.

Peter S. Hopkins and one or two others who own property in that section and realize that a fire once started might wipe out their properties, are insistent that something be done in the matter of providing fire protection.

Mr. Hopkins has consulted the selectmen and with others from that section will meet the selectmen to night. It is the intention to circulate a petition among property owners in the West Brattleboro section asking that the subject be brought before a meeting of the voters of the town.

## GEDDES AN HEIR TO \$6,000,000 ESTATE

Utah Jury Gives a Decision to Son of  
Apostle of Mormon Church by a  
Plural Marriage.

OGDEN, Utah, July 17.—The jury in the case of Albert Geddes, suing for an interest in the \$6,000,000 estate of David Eccles, Utah millionaire sugar manufacturer, on the ground that he is a son of Eccles, decided yesterday that Eccles was the boy's father. The verdict declared young Geddes an heir to the Eccles estate. The jury was out 18 hours.

Albert Geddes is the 16-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret Geddes. This suit has been on trial for a month. Margaret Geddes contended she had been united to David Eccles in plural marriage by an Apostle of the Mormon church in 1898, and that he had acknowledged her as his wife.

The case attracted widespread attention partly because of its relation to the Senator Reed Smoot investigation in Washington in 1904. Mrs. Geddes at that time having testified before the Senate committee that she was not the plural wife of David Eccles.

The case also involved the question as to whether plural marriages had been performed within the Mormon church since the Woodruff manifesto in 1890 declaring against the practice of polygamy. Among the witnesses were President Joseph Smith of the Mormon church and Senator Smoot.

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